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Applicant(s): Martin Friedlander et al.

Application No. 10/628,783

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For: HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS AND METHODS OF TREATMENT OF NEOVASCULAR EYE DISEASES THEREWITH

Examiner: Quang Nguyen

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 17 November 2004 on the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution at this time the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 50-61, inclusive. This election is made without traverse.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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